STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

WHEREAS; in 2016, nearly 13,000 new cases of cervical cancer were reported across the United States, approximately 200 of which occurred in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, and more than 4,000 women die each year as a consequence of cervical cancer; and

WHEREAS; Human Papillomavirus (HPV) has been identified as the main cause of cervical cancer, and the HPV vaccine, as well as regular screenings and Pap smears, can be effective prevention tools for women in Wisconsin and throughout the country; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Health Services administers the Wisconsin Well Woman Program in all 72 counties and in 11 Native Nations, which pays for health screenings like mammograms, Pap tests, and cervical cancer screenings for eligible Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; while treatments exist for cervical cancer, the side effects of treatments can be devastating for those who survive; and

WHEREAS; this Cervical Health Awareness Month, the state of Wisconsin honors those whose lives have been affected by cervical cancer and joins survivors, activists, and organizations across the country in raising awareness about symptoms of cervical cancer, reducing the stigma around cervical cancer diagnoses, and expanding access to treatment and prevention for Wisconsin women throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim January 2020 as

CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the ate of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

I he Governor:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 13th day of December 2019.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State